



Global Entrepreneurship Delegation Heads North

A "Pitch Perfect" Day in Aveiro...

Today, the delegation packed their bags and said farewell to Lisbon. Next stop: Aveiro, a city in the central regional of the country that is commonly referred to as the "Venice of Portugal" because of its intricate system of water canals.

Aveiro is also home to the University of Aveiro, a school with an excellent reputation for its

strong math, bioinformatics, and sea technology program.

Our delegates spent most the day with university-sponsored entrepreneurs and met with a diverse range of exciting tech startups including a wifi-based fleet communication system and an innovative construction suspension device.

After a lively presentation by the delegation, eight Portuguese businesses had a chance to present their companies and receive constructive feedback.

Two delegates were so positively impress that they gave out their business cards immediately after the pitches to follow up on making an investment.

Young entrepreneurs received feedback after practicing their pitches.



Delegates participate in a panel discussion.



The energy between entrepreneurs and delegates was infectious!



...and a Taste of Porto

After the exciting day in Aveiro, the delegation boarded the bus for Porto. The second largest city in Portugal, Porto is the industrial heart of the country. It is a hub for manufacturing and technology.

But Porto is also one of the most lovely cities in the world, famous for its charming riverside and amazing port wines. The dele-

gates got to experience a taste of this in the evening as they dined with Porto's business elite at the Palacio da Bolsa, a 19th century historic neoclassical structure.

The delegation has just one more day left in Portugal.. It's been a fantastic trip so far and several people are already talking about organizing the next one!

Delegates admire the stunning beauty of Porto.



Delegation Members

- > Paloma Bilson, Protea Group International
- > Victor Da Cruz, CSM Screw Machine Products
- > Michael Freitas Finete, General Mills
- > Kathleen Healy, Golden Seeds Boston
- > Kevin Langley, Ellis Construction
- > Natalia Luis, M. Luis Construction
- > Cidalia Luis-Akbar, M. Luis Construction
- > Manuel Curado de Sousa Mira, TekTone Sound & Signal
- > Phil Meldrum, FoodMatch, Inc.
- > David Moura, ProGroup Contracting
- > Sheri Orlowitz, Artemis Holdings Group
- > Caron De Mars, Department of State